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1. EMBASSY BUCHAREST IN PARA 5, REF B, INDICATED NO
OBJECTION TO THE MISSION DRAWING ON REFS A AND B.
WASHINGTON IN REF C STATED NO OBJECTION TO MISSION
DRAWING ON REF A, PER OUR REQUEST.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY,
JANUARY 21: CONFIRMATION THAT WASHINGTON HAS NO OBJECTIONS
TO OUR DRAWING ON REF B AS WELL. STRAUZ-HUPE

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AFRICA AND ARE UNAWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SOVIET PENETRATION. SOMALIA, AS WELL AS SOUTH YEMEN, HAVE BECOME FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES SOVIET SATELLITES. PRESIDENT MOBUTU DREW A PARALLEL BETWEEN IRAN AND ZAIRE WHICH TWO COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS, PURSUE THE SAME AIM OF FREINDSHIP WITH THE WEST AND REJECTION OF THE COMMUNIST DOCTRINE. COULD I NOT INDUCE THE NATO ALLIES AND ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES TO TRANSLATE THEIR THUSFARE RATHER ACADEMIC INTEREST IN CONCRETE ACTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND ECONOMIC AID?

I REACTED POSITIVELY AND I PROMISED THE PRESIDENT THAT I WOULD NOT FAIL TO TRANSMIT IMMEDIATELY TO THE AMBASSADORS OF THE ALLIANCE HIS WORRIES AND HIS SUGGESTIONS. I DID SO DURING THE AMBASSADORS-LUNCHEON AND THE REACTION WAS RATHER POSITIVE, INsofar THAT QUITE A FEW AMBASSADORS SHOWED COMPREHENSION AND EXPRESSED THE SAME CONCERNS AS PRESIDENT MOBUTU.

I MAY MENTION ALSO THAT MY HOST WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE STATE OF THE MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WARSAW PACT VIS A VIS NATO. HE MENTIONED THE HUGE INCREASE IN SOVIET CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS AND HE REMARKED THAT THE NEARLY COMPLETE STANDARDIZATION BETWEEN

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THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS WARSAW PACT ALLIES WAS OF GREAT ADVANTAGE TO MOSCOW. IN THIS RESPECT HE ASKED WHAT THE ALLIANCE THOUGHT OF GENERAL CLOSE'S RECENT BOOK WHICH THIS BELGIAN GENERAL HAD JUST PRESENTED TO HIM. I REPLIED THAT I HAD NOT READ THE BOOK BUT THAT I WAS AWARE OF ITS GENERAL THEMES WHICH WERE FIRMLY REJECTED BY THE SENIOR COMMANDERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

AT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST I GAVE SOME DETAILS OF THE PRESENT BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN THE TWO PACTS AND I PROMISED TO SEND HIM THROUGH HIS FOREIGN MINISTER A PAPER WITH A BROAD OUTLINE OF THE DEFENCE POSTURE OF NATO COMPARED TO THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES. THEREUPON AND AFTER A DISCUSSION OF 1.20 HRS. I TOOK MY LEAVE. END TEXT. STRAUZ-HUPE

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